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HUMOROUS

The fellow who marries the 'reigning belle" often has a stormy | ready!" life.—Columbus Post.

In Texas it is unlucky to find horseshoe, if a horse happens to be attached to it.—Texas Siftings.

self.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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to the touch?" asked the school a heap of straw. teacher. "I have often felt blue," replied the boy at the head of the class. - Ex.

were you at the time?"-Judge.

the country when I advised you to go?" Patient-"Because the money I saved up to go with you took

"I suppose," said Miss Bleeker to They are durable, for carefully selected her friend from Cincinnati, "that you boil your river water before using it?" "Well, no," replied Miss Buckit thin and fry it."-Life.

old age."-Jester.

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> now, really, is Makewell's Specific good for anything?"

> should say it was, decidedly. Why Makewell has made \$100,000 out of it in less than five years."

haven't you got another coat? Counselor at Law. Reporter for the Morning Hooter

"Ah, why didn't you put it on?"

Col. Fizzletop was under the painful necessity of administering a severe castigation to his son Johnny

"Now tell me why I punished

"That's it," sobbed Johnny; "you you did it."-Texas Siftings.

"Yes mum." "What does your husband do!"

doirector." heating by Hot Water, Hot quite sure it is that?"

over it, absolutely without a seat of tempered.

your own food and water along with like some battle-field of the Titans. of molten lead into the moat below

Wooden-"You don't seem to military road, with the fresh moun- er. smile at my joke. What's the mat- tain-breeze stirring my blood like ter, don't you understand it?" the breath of life, the rich summer Wagg-"Yes. I understand it, but blue of the sky overhead, and the I was brought up never to laugh at glorious panorama of the Central far as eye can reach. I have nothing else to desire.

rounding scenery becomes more Slight Setback. He (trying to goats; then bolder and bleaker make an impression)-"Do you ridges, rising ever higher and steepknow, I think that your father is er, and darker, with here and there an awfully jolly old fellow?" She the skeleton of some ancient Georg-

should like something to put to hint at the propriety of halting ful of the risk of missing the one sea from Petrovsk to Astran, turn a deaf ear to his remonstrances, and order fresh horses forthwith.

(that of my friend, Lieut. Ashouts through the darkness:

"Is that you, David Stepanovitch David, son of Stephen?) I thought nobody else could be mad enough to think of going forward with such sky as that. Just look at it and see! You had better come in and have some tea with me, like a sensible fellow, instead of going and

I look up; and cannot but own of his new ally.

"Ah, David Stephanovitch! can't you listen to reason? The gentleman's right; it would be a sin to think of going on in such weather. Come in quick, before it begins."

After he had completed his labors, too soon. We are barely inside, the posthouse, and not an instant he said sternly to the suffering when suddenly everything becomes bright as noonday; the quaint little cross-beamed room, the knives and glasses on the table, the white faces of the inmates, the picture of the and now you don't even know why waste of mountains outside, are all

Then comes a clap of thunder that seems to split the very sky, and "An' shure, mum, he is a railrowd instantly the whole fury of the the present mode of making shot, storm breaks loose. The wind had his notable dream, induced by "A railroad director! That's a howls and shrieks and shakes the over indulgence in stimulants, the Estimates furnished for very important position. Are you strong timbers till they groan, and manufacture in question was slow, the thunder roars and bangs over- laborous, and consequently a costly "An' faioth an' doesn't he shtand head, and flash after flash lights up process. Great bars of lead had to all day at the railrowd directing the pouring sky and tossing forest, be pounded into sheets of a thick-

But at length the uproar ceases, had then to be cut into little cubes, full moon breaks out once more, there rolled around until, by the

l'Europe at Tiflis, stands a tall, roar of the swellen river coming came spheroids. gaunt, hard featured man in uni- hearsely to our ears from below. Watts had often racked his brain form (with a trumpet as long and Higher, ever higher, gradually trying to discover some better and The doctor who presents a big narrow as himself,) uttering the losing all trace of vegetation annualess costly scheme, but in vain. bill may not take his own prescrip- cabalistic words which are to ring heaped masses of black, broken rock, Finally, after spending an evening tions, but he knows how to heel him- in my ears for many a day to come, and boundless fields of eternal snow, with some boon companions at an I glance through the open window, which look doubly spectral in the ale house, he went home, went to and espy, amid an admiring crowd silent moonlight. Despite the cold, bed, and soon fell asleep. His slumof every type, from the aquiline I sleep for more than an hour as bers, however, were disturbed by Georgian to the bun-faced Tartar, soundly as a Turkish sentry, and unwelcome dreams, in one of which three rough-looking post-horses, wake to find myself on the summit he was out with "the boys," and a

any kind, the customary fashion My stand-point is the crown of numbers that he and his companof carriage-travelling on the Asiatic | the great central ridge which forms | ions had to seek shelter. frontier being to lie, full length, in the backbone of the Caucasus, look- In the morning Watts remember. "Are any of the colors discernible the bottom of the conveyance, upon ing down into Europe on one side ed his curious dream, and it obtrudand Asia on the other. Far down ed itself on his mind all day. He "You're going to travel in grand the incline, the endless curves of began to wonder what shape mol-

say your maid was in your bourdoir mustn't expect this sort of thing on is rent by yawning rifts, marking top of the steeple of the church of fixing your hair when the fire broke the Turkoman steppes. When you the fall of the vast misshapen bould- St. Mary at Redcliffe and dropped out?" She "Yes." He "Where get out there, you'll have to carry ers that lie strewn on every side, slowly and regularly a ladleful Best Cigar Made!

you, and go forty versts or more At my very feet gaps a mighty Descending, he took from the botfrom one well to another, and jolt gulf of several hundred feet, from tom of the shallow pool several along all day on the back of a camel, the misty depths of which comes handfuls of the most perfect shot and sleep on the ground at night booming up the dull roar of an un- he had ever seen. Watts' fortune with only a rug over you; and if seen waterfall, while beyond it, was made, for from this exploit you ever come back alive, it'll be black, frowning cliffs surge up emanated the idea of the shot towsomething worth talking about against the clear morning sky, blot- er, which ever since has been the ting it with a rising thunder cloud. only means employed in the man-ufacture of the little missiles so im-Certainly Dr. Johnson had some And high over all, with its great portant in war and sport. reason on his side when he placed white pyramid shining like silver in

Signs of Spring.

feeling that your hat is shabby. The second is that your winter overcoat is getting heavy. If your

overcoat is a particularly nice one, this sign will not be apparent. The suburban begins to talk elo quently of garden seeds and fertili- Jane?"

He goes home loaded down with seedsmen's catalogues and hoes and too?" rakes and agricultural information. His neighbors' hens are emanci- it world.' pated from their hibernation, and he thirsts for the blood of his neigh-

The ash heap in his yard rises grimly like a rememberance of evil brother Jim. As a truthful spirit doings.

If you live in the country you be gin to talk of improvements, of a cupola here and there and a piazza or bay window somewhere else.

If in the city, you commence your annual talk of shaking off your feet the dust of the city and moving into the country. The dark shadow of the coming

house cleaning broods like a bird of evil omen over your once happy The wife of your bosom talks of

new carpets and new furniture. The plumber no longer robs you of your substance, the carpenter, and the painter, and the plasterer, and the paperhanger taking what is left.

As you ride homeward in the cars you hear stories of early peas. An English sparrow has set his

alarm clock an hour earlier, and now arouses you from your early slumber at 4 a. m. Your landlord has discovered

that things are going to boom, and booms your rent straight away. In spring a young man's fancy To go out of doors in rough weather is not strong likely turns to thoughts of new

clothes.

may now be put up." Ours was

but we feel safe in predicting an In a few weeks the papers will be

printing spring poetry, and lots of men will be growling because the reveal a ragged suit .- Texas Sift-

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Whatever may be the case in ordinary matters, it is certainly true that figures do not lie when in a bathing suit.-Philadelphia Times.

Doctor-"How is it you're not in for giving the advice."-Denver

By smelling the burning linen, mum, of course. What's my nose

wouldn't marry."-N. Y. Herald. She (on the piazza) -Thanks, I lou't care for the steamer rug, but ing "played out," and at length around my neck. He-What shall for the night at the station which

son-My Clara is an awfully deli-

She said "No." First amateur photographer-"Been down at the seaside a month, eh? You look

Valetudinarian-"But tell me.

Drug Clerk-"Good for anything! killing yourself for nothing."

Floor Manager-The press is always welcome; but, my deah fellah,

Yes, I've got another coat. "Because it isn't as good as the ne I've got on."-Texas Siftings.

victim:

A Storm in the Caucasus. "Your honor, the horses are and the clouds roll away, and the placed in a revolving barrel and

Good-by. Pleasant journey."

the acme of enjoyment in being the splendor of the sunrise towers Flying at full speed over a splendid heavenward in silent, eternal prav-Caucasus oatspread on every side, as

And with every hour, the surmagnificent. Smooth sloping hillsides at first, crested with waving trees, and dappled with flocks of

Night comes on, and my courier begins to show visible signs of bewe have just reached. But I, mindweekly steamer across the Caspian

However, the force of circumstances is against me, after all. The words are barely uttered when the gleam of a passing lantern flashes upon a mustached face and military cap and a familiar voice

that he is right. The bright Southern moonlight has vanished in a huge mass of inky cloud while the deadly stillness of the whole atmosphere is ominous of coming evil. While I am still hesitating, my impatient courier strikes in on the side

I allow myself to be hurried to

nearly pound the life out of me, saint in the farther corner, the dim discarding of their overcoats will terribly distinct for one moment, ings. "And so you're married, Bridget?" and as suddenly blotted out again.

At my elbow, as I sit over my and on we go again through miry constant friction, the edges were off omeiette and coffee at the hotel de roads and dripping forests with the from the little cubes and they be

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harnessed to a nondescript vehicle, of the Pass, very wet, very sore, very they were stumbling home it began like a butcher's cart with a hood cold, very hungry, and very ill- to rain shot-beautiful globules o polished, shining lead-in such

style this time," says my friend, the road by which we have ascend- ten lead would assume in falling Capt. K -, with a jovial grin upon ed melt into the sea of mist below. | through the air, and finally, to set A Question of Location. "You his broad, florid face; "but you All around me, the mountain side his mind at rest, he ascended to the

A Mendacious Spirit.

The other night a reckless Denver skeptic attended a spiritualist materialist meeting, and in the course of the evening, assuming to be of the faithful, he sought an in-The first sign of spring is the terview with his father. The medium being willing, the father appeared. This conversation followed: "How are you, father? Are you happy in the spirit world?"

"Yes, my son; very happy."

"She, too, is content and happy.

"And is poor brother Jim happy "Yes, my boy; he enjoys the spir-

There was a moment's silence when the skeptic broke out with: "What makes you lie so, father? never had a sister Jane nor a

This broke up the meeting.-Colredo Sun.

A Dreadful Threat. An Austin colored man, with proruding eyes, rushed into Justice Tegener's office and exclaimed: "I wants Col. Jones, who libs

next door to me, put under \$1,000,-000 bonds ter keep de peace." "Has he threatened your life?" "He has done dat berry thing. He said he war g'wine ter fill de next niggah he found after dark

in his hen-house plum' full ob buck-

shot."-Ex. Cuban Justice.

A gentleman from North Caroina, while making a tour of the Island of Cuba, had his watch stolen on the street. In less than two hours a police judge had sentenced the thief to three years imprisonment. He also awarded the North Carolinian \$23 damages for the instruggle for its possession, and or-dered the convict to work it out.

The Temptation

but we are, many of us, compelled to face rough weather frequently. Diseases which arise from s It is in the springtime that the It is in the springtime that the bilious man's fancy turns to patent medicine.

The Boston Post says that "ulsters may now be put up." Ours was may now be put up." Ours was put up long ago—shoved up, says a country editor.

Some of the girls are thinking of green grass and warm sunshine to come. It is a fore-lawn hope.

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